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SUBJECT: PROPOSED BELGIAN ARMS PLANT FOR LIBYA

REF: STATE 039806

1. THIS AFTERNOON I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE AND EXPRESSED THE CONCERN OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF BELGIUM HELPING CONSTRUCT AN ARMS PRODUCTION COMPLEX FOR LIBYA. I FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE APPROACH SET FORTH IN PARA 7 OF STATE 039806 AND LEFT AN AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLINING THE MAIN POINTS MADE.

2. VAN ELSLANDE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS AGAINST THE DEAL BUT THAT THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY WAS PUSHING HARD FOR IT. VAN ELSLANDE INDICATED THAT THE TERMS BELGIUM HAD PUT TO LIBYA WERE SO STRICT THAT HE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF LIBYA COULD ACCEPT THEM.

3. VAN ELSLANDE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE U.S. OFFER TO CONSULT WITH BELGIUM AND OTHERS ON THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF ARMS SALES WITH A VIEW TO THEIR LIMITATION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT AMONG PRODUCING STATES. HE SAID THAT BELGIUM WOULD HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE ON HOW THIS MIGHT BEST BE DONE. RENNER

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